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SUBJECT: LIMITED SURVEILLANCE OF ACCESS TO FRG PERMANENT
REPRESENTATION CONTINUES

REF: (A) BERLIN 5079; (B) BERLIN 5082

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO FRG PERMREP OFFICER, SITUATION
JANUARY 14 OUTSIDE FRG MISSION WAS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS
JANUARY 13 (REF A), ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER EAST
GERMAN CITIZENS ARE VISITING AT A "NORMAL" RATE. THERE
ARE NO PLANS AT PRESENT FOR PERMREP TO MAKE FURTHER
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REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT SITUATION TO MFA; AND WEST
GERMANS HAVE NO BETTER EXPLANATION THAN EARLIER AS
TO WHY THE EAST GERMANS INSTITUTED THE INITIAL
MEASURES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A FOLLOW-UP CALL ON VON RICHTHOFEN AT FRG
PERMANENT REPRESENTATION JANUARY 14, HE STATED THAT

LIMITED FORM OF SURVEILLANCE OF PERSONS VISITING THE PERMREP WAS CONTINUING. THIS SURVEILLANCE REVERTS TO EARLY DECEMBER 1976 WHEN FRG OFFICERS NOTED THAT PLAIN CLOTHES POLICEMEN WERE STATIONED OUTSIDE OF THEIR BUILDING AND WERE STOPPING SOME INDIVIDUALS ON LEAVING PERREP BUILDING THROUGH SIGNALING TO UNIFORMED POLICE. PLAIN CLOTHES MEN DID NOT STOP INDIVIDUALS THEMSELVES BUT THROUGH HAND MOTIONS HAD POLICEMEN STOP THEM AND PRESUMABLY ASK FOR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS. FROM TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED FROM SOME OF THE VISITORS AFTERWARDS PERMREP OFFICERS DETERMINED THAT POLICEMEN ASKED ONLY FOR IDENTIFICATION AND DID NOT ASK WHETHER PERMISSION HAD BEEN GRANTED BY MFA FOR PERSON TO VISIT PERMREP. THEY WERE ALSO INFORMED THROUGH THESE TELEPHONE CALLS THAT NO THREATS OF REPRISAL WERE MADE BY THE POLICEMEN STOPPING INDIVIDUALS AT THAT TIME. VON RICHTHOFEN SAID THAT GAUS HAD PROTESTED OPENLY TWICE IN DECEMBER TO MFA DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KURT NIER AGAINST THIS PRACTICE BUT THAT IT HAD CONTINUED UP UNTIL JANUARY 11 WHEN ACCESS TO THE BUILDING WAS STOPPED BY UNIFORMED POLICEMEN STATIONED OUTSIDE. AFTER THE UNIFORMED POLICE WERE WITHDRAWN ON JANUARY 12 AND ACCESS TO THE BUILDING WAS UNIMPEDED, FRG OFFICIALS NOTED REINSTITUTION OF FOREGOING PROCEDURES INVOLVING PLAIN CLOTHES MEN AND UNIFORMED POLICE WHO STOPPED SOME VISITORS FOR IDENTIFICATION. THIS CONTINUES TO BE THE CURRENT SITUATION OUTSIDE THE PERMREP BUILDING.

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3. VON RICHTHOFEN STATED THAT PERMREP OFFICERS STILL HAD NO READY EXPLANATION FOR THE IMPOSITION JANUARY 11 OF RESTRICTING ACCESS BY GDR CITIZENS TO THE PERMREP OFFICES. HE NOTED THAT THE RESTRICTION OF ACCESS ON JANUARY 11 WAS TOTALLY UNEXPECTED PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF HONECKER'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE WHICH SPOKE ABOUT PURSUING BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON A "REALISTIC" BASIS. THEY COULD ONLY SPECULATE THAT THE GDR WAS TRYING TO PROVE THAT IT WOULD EXERCISE ITS SOVEREIGNTY WITH REGARD TO GDR CITIZENS. VON RICHTHOFEN SAID THE GDR COULD IMPOSE SUCH MEASURES AGAIN WITHOUT WARNING OR APPARENT PROVOCATION.

4. THERE ARE NO PLANS AT PRESENT FOR THE HEAD OF THE FRG PERMREP GUENTER GAUS TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS MATTER TO THE MFA. VON RICHTHOFEN STATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A CABINET MEETING IN BONN ON JANUARY 12 ON THE SUBJECT

AND THE MEETING TO DISCUSS SURVEILLANCE AND OTHER ASPECTS
OF FRG/GDR RELATIONS CALLED BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT
WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 18.
GAUS RETURNED TO BERLIN THE EVENING OF JANUARY 13.

5. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO
SURVEILLANCE MIGHT LEAD TO A POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION
OF A FRG PHOTO EXHIBIT SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN EAST
BERLIN ON JANUARY 17 VON RICHTHOFEN REPLIED IN THE
NEGATIVE. HE STATED THAT THE REPRESENTATION CERTAINLY
WOULD NOT AT THIS STAGE SUGGEST THAT THE PHOTO
EXHIBIT BE CALLED OFF AND THAT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO
DRAW ATTENTION TO THE EXHIBIT WAS HELD AS SCHEDULED,
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